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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE FOR I&S

Subject: Release or Disclosure of Classified or Un-
classified CIA Intelligence or Information
to the Congress of the United States

1. Concur as to legal aspects but have a couple of
suggestions for possible consideration, even though it may
not be my place to make them:

STATINTL

(a) An attempt should be made to have inquiries
from Congress put in writing, where possible. This
discourages casual and unnecessary inquiry, gives
time to consider the information, and prevents inad-
vertent disclosure which often occurs in oral discus-
sion.

(b) Paragraph 3a provides for all requests to
go to OCD. Paragraph 3b provides for coordination
of requests for intelligence information with the
LLO. I have no objection but am merely somewhat
confused as to what is intended, but expect that
OCD and the LLO can clarify it.

(c) In paragraph 5a, I should prefer to see
the addition of the word "written" between "prior"
and "authorization". There are several reasons.
Oral clearance might be claimed where there was
no intention to give it, but the words were misunder-
stood. It might be necessary to qualify an authori-
zation, and the precise qualification could be set
down in writing to restrict the employee or, if
necessary, to aid him stall off pressure during an
interrogation. Also, if the employee exceeded or
varied the terms of his authorization, the written
record would be available for administrative action.
In most cases, it would be easy to submit a written
authorization along with the LLO's recommendation

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to the Director. In emergencies, of course, the Director could waive this requirement.

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